The stay imposed by this Court's Administrative Order No. 82-Supplemental was entered at the request of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee and "with the intent to avoid any default or prejudice to the United States or other civil litigants occasioned by the lapse in funding." Because the parties jointly request a waiver of that stay in this case, the Court finds that an exception is warranted and not inconsistent with the Order's goals. The motion is therefore GRANTED.

FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT COURT

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Alistair P. Newbern UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al., U.S. Magistrate Judge ex rel. DEBRA NORRIS,)	
Plaintiffs,)	Civil Action No.: 2:13-cy-00035
v.)	CHIEF JUDGE CRENSHAW MAGISTRATE JUDGE NEWBERN
DAVID FLORENCE,)	WHOISTWILL JOBGE IVE WIDEKIN
Defendant.)	

JOINT MOTION TO UNSTAY THIS ACTION

The parties respectfully move the Court to unstay this action. As cause for the motion, the parties state as follows:

- 1. This Court previously ordered Defendant Florence to produce requested patient files by January 18, 2019. Doc. No. 196.
- 2. In December 2018, the parties agreed that the United States could depose two current employees of Florence on January 18, 2019. These two depositions had already been rescheduled once before.
- Around this same period, defense counsel asked the United States to schedule eight witnesses for depositions. The parties are working together to schedule these depositions during February 2019.
- 4. The United States' counsel on this matter has not been furloughed during the government shutdown, because her salary comes from a funding source that has not lapsed.
- 5. On January 11, 2019, this Court ordered that all civil litigation is stayed for a period of time. Doc. No. 197.

6. The parties wish to continue to proceed with fact discovery as originally planned to move this case forward.

Therefore, the parties ask the Court to lift the stay in this particular case so that the parties can proceed with fact discovery as they originally contemplated and move discovery forward.

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